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Honorable Arthur S. Fleming  
Director, Office of Defense Mobilization  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Enclosed are our comments on the "Special Recommendation" contained in Appendix I, Part 2, of the report of the Hoover Commission Task Force on Intelligence Activities as requested in your letter of 28 March 1956.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION (Page 41, Appendix I, Part 2, Report of Survey of Communications and Electronics by Terence J. Tully, Brig. General, U. S. Army, Retired. Prepared for Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government by the Task Force on Intelligence Activities.)

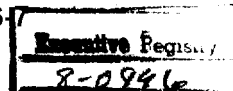
"That the President set up a special commission composed of technically qualified civil and military communications and electronics representatives, to survey and produce recommendations as to ways and means to insure the more effective utilization of all communications and electronics resources of the United States in the national interests in case of war or national emergency."

COMMENT

This is not a matter of primary concern to the Central Intelligence Agency. It is more directly that of the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Defense.

However, insofar as it affects the CIA, it is our belief that the present practice of having ad hoc investigations of particular problems is more desirable than the establishment of a commission to provide continuous review. Additional echelons and high level reviewing committees should be established only when a definite need exists and then to solve specific problems or deficiencies. It is possible that the creation of an additional communications group would further complicate an already complex problem, and would duplicate and conflict with the responsibilities and activities of the Telecommunications Planning Committee, JCEC, and other working groups.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MAR 28 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have recently received from The White House a request that I obtain the views of your agency with respect to the "Special Recommendation" contained in Appendix I, Part 2, of the Report of the Hoover Commission Task Force on Intelligence Activities. I assume that a copy of the Hoover Commission's Report is readily available to your organization for reference.

In accordance with this request, therefore, I shall appreciate receiving your views on this Special Recommendation by April 16, 1956.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Flemming  
Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Recommend signature.

For background see Tab on attached copy of Appendix I.

Our reply reflects views of [REDACTED]  
His memo attached.

[REDACTED] does not believe any such body  
would be effective at present time.

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LBKirkpatrick

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